



Washington State
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To U.S. Department for Labor (DOL) ARRA Energy Sector Competitive Grant Applicants:

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Washington State is working to ensure that we are coordinated, strategic and able to maximize available funding. The Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team is coordinating the State of Washington's application process U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) ARRA energy sector competitive grants.

Applications will be evaluated by the Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team through a merit-based review to identify those applicants most likely to have the greatest impact on Washington State priorities and in becoming a leader in the green economy. Applications likely to have the greatest impact will receive Governor Gregoire's endorsement.

Attached to this e-mail you will find the finalized Governor's Endorsement Criteria document and timeline. These documents may also be found at the website that the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTB) has developed as a resource for organizations interested in applying for these funds: <http://www.wtb.wa.gov/GreenJobsandWorkforceDevelopment.asp>

Each of the energy sector grant application categories has a state contact. These individuals are available for assistance.

Questions regarding this process may be directed to:

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EVERGREEN JOBS LEADERSHIP TEAM CRITERIA FOR GOVERNOR'S ENDORSEMENT

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Washington State is working to ensure that we are coordinated, strategic and able to maximize available funding. The Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team is tasked to coordinate efforts by state and local organizations to identify, apply for, and secure all sources of funds, particularly those created by ARRA.

To accomplish this we want to ensure applications align with state priorities for workforce and economic development. To facilitate a comprehensive and strategic approach to increasing Washington State's funding prospects the following are guiding documents to identify state priorities:

- Evergreen Jobs Act (ESSHB 2227) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Act (ESSHB 2815)
- The Next Washington – Growing Jobs and Income in a Global Economy: 2007 - 2017
- High Skills, High Wages 200-2018: Washington's Strategic Plan for Workforce Development
- Principles from the Washington State Energy Plan draft
- Skills for the Next Washington
- Adult Basic Education: Creating Opportunities for Washington's Emerging Workforce
- Washington Economic Development Commission 2009 strategic report
- Higher Education Coordinating Board's 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education

The Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team is looking for projects that substantially meet the five core principles used by the Gregoire administration to guide its work on the federal recovery process as well as core criteria that are in alignment with the above guiding documents.

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The Solicitations for Grant Applications (SGA) categories for which these criteria were developed include the Energy Training Partnership, Pathways Out of Poverty, and the State Energy Sector and Training Grants. For more information please refer to: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm. As per the SGA criteria, letters of endorsement are not accepted. However, those applicants receiving Governor Gregoire's endorsement will be provided specific language for the application narrative.

To be considered for endorsement, applications must meet all of the following criteria. Applicants must provide an electronic copy of: 1) summary of grant, 2) grant proposal outline or 3) a draft copy of proposal. These documents must be submitted to Cherish Rahikainen at cherish.rahikainen@commerce.wa.gov by the due date specified in the timeline.

THE EVERGREEN JOBS TEAM (EJT) GOVERNOR'S ENDORSEMENT OF ARRA DOL GRANTS
REVIEW PROCESS TIMELINE
(Approximately a 2-week review process)

Grant Name	Application to EJT	EJT to Gov	Governor's decision to EJT	EJT informs applicant	Due date to Feds (2009)
Energy Training Partnership (\$100 million)	Monday, Aug. 25 (by 5 pm)	Wednesday Aug. 26 (by 5 pm) 2.0 days to review	Monday, Aug. 31 (by 5 pm) 5.0 days to review (includes weekend)	Tuesday, Sept. 1 (by 12 pm) 1/2 day to inform applicant	Friday, Sept. 4 3.5 days to submit to Feds
Pathways Out of Poverty (\$150 million)	Wednesday, Sept. 16 (by 5 pm)	Friday, Sept. 18 (by 5 pm) 2.0 days to review	Wednesday, Sept. 23 (by 5 pm) 5.0 days to review (includes weekend)	Thursday, Sept. 24 (by 12 pm) 1/2 day to inform applicant	Tuesday, Sept. 29 3.5 days to submit to Feds
State Energy Sector and Training Grants (\$190 million)	Wednesday, Oct. 7 (by 5 pm)	Friday, Oct. 9 (by 5 pm) 2.0 days to review	Wednesday Oct. 14 (by 5 pm) 5.0 days to review (includes weekend)	Thursday, Oct. 15 (by 5 pm) 1/2 day to inform applicant	Tuesday, Oct. 20 3.5 days to submit to Feds

GOVERNOR'S PRINCIPLES	Does the application substantially meet the five core principles?	
1. Get money in people's pockets immediately. 2. Create or save jobs in the near-term. 3. Make innovative investments in areas that lay the foundation for Washington's 21st century economy. 4. Create strategic alliances with the private sector, non-profits, local governments and other state agencies that align goals and leverage resources. 5. Apply unprecedented accountability and transparency principles.	Yes	No
	Comments:	

To be recommended to the Governor for endorsement the application must meet all of the following criteria.

ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA	Yes	No	Comments
1. Demonstrates a strong and lasting environmental and economic impact such as contributing to Washington meeting its 2020 greenhouse gas reduction limit as established in ESSHB 2815.			
2. Consistent with the principles in the State Energy Plan strategy including developing renewable energy, transitioning from fossil fuels, promoting clean energy generations, or improving our energy efficiency.			
3. Strengthens the state's competitiveness in a particular green economy sector or cluster through such activities as enhanced customized training for employers who want to retrain their employees in green skills or that lead to a domestically or internationally exportable good or service.			
4. Addresses anticipated labor shortages.			
5. Meets the solicitation criteria for leveraging and aligning other public and private funding sources.			

ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA	Yes	No	Comments
6. Provides outreach and services designed for target populations - - veterans, ex-offenders, people with disabilities, people of color, low-income, women, or otherwise disadvantaged- - including linkages with community-based organizations serving target populations. For example, linking adult basic and remedial education to occupational skills training with strategies such as I-BEST.			
7. Leads to a credential, certificate, or degree in green economy jobs. Examples include getting people to the tipping point of at least one-year of postsecondary training or credential or by leveraging pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs. ¹			
8. Ensures that job opportunities associated with the ARRA are publicized and filled through the state's WorkSource system.			

¹ As per Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 22-02 (March 24, 2003) a "Certificate is defined as a credential awarded by an agency, educational institution, organization or association to an individual upon completion of an organized program of study in recognition of the individual's attainment of industry recognized, nationally-validated technical or occupational skill standards. Such skill attainment is measured using a valid and reliable assessment."